

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Spartanburg 7 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 7,614**
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas D. White, Jr.
Board Chair: Conrad C. Hurst, III

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	
2009	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Below Average	Excellent	N/A	Not Met	CA
2007	Below Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	2	19	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PASS

PASS	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	69.4%	66.1%	62.4%	69.0%	66.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.8%	65.7%	61.1%	66.5%	64.5%
Average District	73.6%	70.5%	67.4%	72.2%	70.2%

PASS	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	34.0%	26.2%	18.7%	27.0%	28.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	29.5%	23.7%	14.4%	22.3%	23.8%
Average District	35.2%	28.8%	18.8%	28.5%	29.8%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	72.6%	12.0%	15.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.9%	14.3%	12.9%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	89.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.1%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	57.4
Districts with Students Like Ours**	55.8

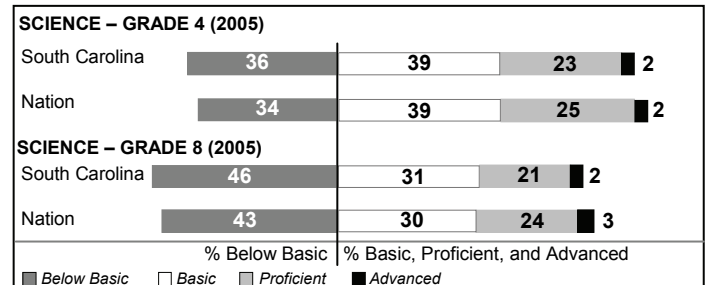
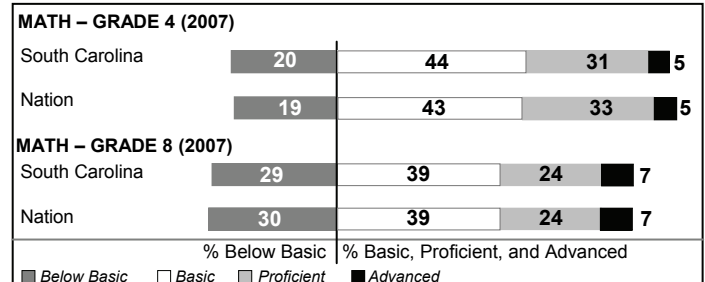
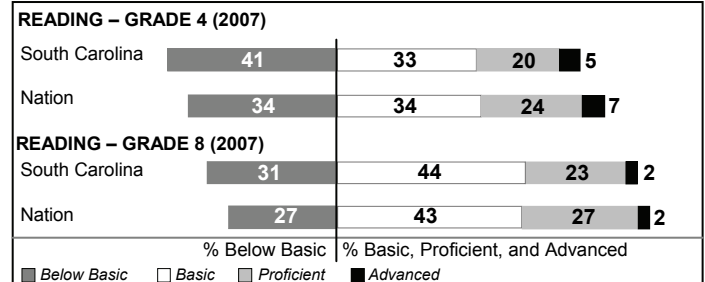
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	73.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.1%

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NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=7,614)				
Retention rate	3.2%	Down from 5.0%	3.5%	3.1%
Attendance rate	94.4%	No Change	95.7%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	20.2%	Down from 21.0%	12.1%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	12.3%	Up from 11.9%	10.8%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.8%	Down from 4.1%	4.9%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.1%	Down from 2.4%	0.6%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	22.0%	Down from 23.2%	8.1%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	77.1%	Up from 76.6%	50.2%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.6%	Down from 33.2%	29.4%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	40	Down from 54	40	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	39	Down from 47	23	30
Annual dropout rate	6.6%	Down from 7.5%	4.0%	3.4%
Teachers (n=624)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.9%	Up from 66.3%	56.5%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	76.9%	Down from 78.0%	79.9%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.4%	Down from 2.8%	4.3%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.0%	Up from 86.7%	88.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.2%	Up from 94.0%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,006	Up 3.7%	\$46,226	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.0%	Down from 1.1%	0.3%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.3%	Up from 1.2%	1.6%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	15.8 days	Up from 15.2 days	13.4 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.9 to 1	Up from 17.2 to 1	20.0 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.2%	Up from 86.7%	89.8%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,793	Up 4.3%	\$9,378	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.2%	Down from 57.7%	52.7%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.8%	Down from 60.6%	56.4%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	13	No Change	9	9
Portable classrooms	9.8%	Up from 0.0%	2.3%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	28 Years	Up from 27 Years	29 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	12.0	No Change	9.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	94.9%	Up from 93.8%	95.2%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$86,331	Up 6.4%	\$78,468	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	84.8%	Up from 81.8%	85.2%	85.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The people of Spartanburg District Seven have always supported the programs and policies that contribute to the excellent educational opportunities for the students of District 7. To honor that trust, the Board of Trustees and all district employees strive to provide an environment in which all students can reach their maximum potential.

In Spartanburg School District Seven, it is our belief that students are most successful when they are involved in programs that interest and motivate them: programs that stimulate their sense of curiosity. I am happy to announce that each one of our schools emphasizes an innovative approach to learning. Though our students are assigned to schools based on their residential address, they may apply to attend another school within the district with a certain focus or a unique program. By offering a variety of opportunities within the various schools of District 7, we are giving students and their families choice. An outline on each school's unique approach is available on the district website (www.spartanburg7.org) so that you may learn more about school choice in District 7.

In these efforts and in all ways, we strive for unmatched excellence in academics, athletics, activities, and the arts. In academics, Spartanburg High School had six students named as National Merit Finalists, and the school was named by Newsweek as one of the top schools in the country in recognition of its Advanced Placement program. In arts, the District Seven Orchestra Program sent 28 talented high school orchestra students to China for a concert tour during the summer 2009, which included playing at the very prestigious Xian Music Conservatory Concert Hall. In activities, our students participated in over 34 clubs and organizations, Student Government, Student Advisory Council, JROTC, Career Education, job shadowing opportunities, as well as produced the award winning yearbook, SAGA. In athletics, the district recently added lacrosse as one of 23 varsity offerings for boys and girls. We have made extensive site improvements at the athletic complex on campus and at Duncan Park. All the athletic facilities improvements at SHS will be second-to-none and will provide excellent facilities for not only its athletes but also the residents of the district.

Sincerest Regards,
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